Swansfield Express

Our learning this half term

Horrible Historians

- Who were the Maya and where in the world did they live?
- How were their lives similar/different to those of the Romans and Anglo-Saxons?
- If you could be a Mayan god or goddess, who would you be?

This half term, we will once again be using our fabulous atlas skills. This time we will need to locate Central America and identify the area of land occupied by the Maya population. Let's see who can name some of the key countries and capital cities first...

Using a range of primary and secondary sources, we will then need to piece our evidence together to find out about the lives of the Maya population.

Find a minute to sit back and enjoy this introductory video:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks2-introducing-the-maya-civilisation/znk3cqt

Lets Get Designing

- Why did masks play a central role in Mayan culture?
- Which animal will inspire your mask design?

It's time to refresh the UKS2 Gallery and we need YOUR help!

Using vibrant colours and the inspiration of animal designs to represent strong spirits, design and make your very own Mayan mask.

Exploration and Discovery

- What did explorer John Lloyd Stephens and the artist Frederick Catherwood really find as they came across Mayan ruins at Copán?

School 360 points for the first 10 people that tell us all about their discoveries. Good luck!

Magnificant Maths

Year 5
Fractions

For those of you in Year 5, we will be switching our fraction brains on and learning how to compare, order, add and subtract fractions. We will also be taking a closer look at equivalent fractions as well as improper fractions and mixed numbers.

Who can remember how to add and subtract fractions with different denominators? Grab a piece of paper and have a go at these ones…

$$\frac{6}{8} + \frac{3}{4} = \qquad \frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{9} =$$

Year 6
Fractions and Decimals

For those of you in Year 6, we will be learning how to calculate fractions and mixed numbers using all four operations!

We will also step into the world of decimals by multiplying and dividing numbers by 10, 100 and 1000.

Can you think of a methods that we could use to make whole numbers and decimals 10, 100 and even 1000 times bigger?
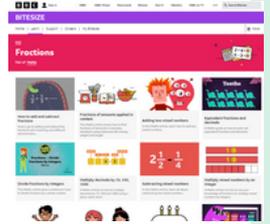
English & Computing

Rain Player– Are you brave enough to play the most dangerous game of all time?

In this tale, a boy who must defeat the Rain God in a ball game to save his people from disaster, we are going to use this text to learn more about the ancient Mayan culture.

click here!

Hero Twins– Could you outwit the Lord of Death?

Exploring the graphic novel we will learn about these mischievous Mayan Twins who have been blessed by the Gods with special powers before writing a script of their next mishap or adventure. We will then bring our writing to life using iMovie software.

click here!

Keeping Fit & Active

Continuing to work on our water competency through water sports, swimming skills and helping others.

NUF coaching: Helping us to improve our passing and receiving skills through football.

Music
Recorders / Jazz
We will focus on two tunes:
Three Note Bossa and Five Note Swing.

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Why do some people believe in God and some not?
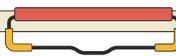
PHRSE
Celebrating differences whilst showing respect for similarity and difference.

MFL
Investigating and performing a selection of French Poetry and songs.

Vive le vent